

IN THE NEWS

increased prices on the Buy II mission awards (+ \$288.0 million).

SBIRS (Space Based Infrared System) HIGH—The SAR was submitted to report schedule slips of nine months (from May 2003 to February 2004) for the Highly Elliptical Orbit (HEO) Sensor 1 Delivery and 10 months (from November 2004 to September 2005) for the HEO Message Certification. HEO Sensor 1 Delivery has slipped due to a series of design deficiencies, technical issues identified during final performance testing, and problems meeting the Electromagnetic Interference specification. HEO Message Certification delays are due to the late delivery of the HEO 1 sensor payload and launch delays. No cost changes were reported.

Current Estimate
(\$ in Millions)

WIN-T (Warfighter Information

Network—Tactical) \$12,040.5

New SAR

(As of September 30, 2003) The Department of Defense has submitted an initial SAR for WIN-T (Warfighter Information Network—Tactical). This report does not represent cost growth. The baseline established on this program will be the point from which future changes will be measured. The current cost estimate is provided above.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY AND DAU SIGN STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

On November 12, 2003, the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) signed a strategic partnership agreement with Penn State University. Under the terms of this agreement, DAU and Penn State will collaborate on research projects in the area of supply chain management, and DoD AT&L workforce members will have opportunities to earn online a special Certificate in Supply Chain Management from a recognized leader in this area of concentration.

C/S SOLUTIONS, INC., AND DEKKER, LTD SIGN MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT WITH DAU

In ceremonies held at the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) on Nov. 19, 2003, DAU Commandant Army Col. Ronald Flom signed memoranda of understanding (MOUs) with C/S Solutions, Inc., and Dekker, Ltd. The MOUs established a strategic cooperative effort between DAU and the signing partners to share educational opportunities and materials in a mutually beneficial scenario. Both C/S Solutions and Dekker provide training centered on providing the best possible information on business practices to help clients develop world-class business management organizations.

The terms of the agreement will enable Department of Defense (DoD) personnel to attend C/S Solutions and

Dekker courses, facilitate involvement in DAU course development by both partners, and enable the partners to provide feedback to DAU on training pilots and other course development activities.

EARN CONTINUOUS LEARNING POINTS

To access DAU Continuous Learning Center modules that will help acquisition workforce members fulfill the USD(AT&L) requirement for 80 continuous learning points every two years, go to <http://clc.dau.mil>. Note that this is a separate program from Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) certification, and classes are open to everyone.

NEW PERFORMANCE BASED LOGISTICS (PBL) COURSE

The Defense Acquisition University has announced a new course focused on Performance Based Logistics. LOG-235 is a hybrid course, consisting of a distance learning portion (LOG-235A, prerequisite for 235B) and a resident classroom portion (LOG-235B). LOG-235B is now open for registration; LOG 235A opened for registration on Dec 1, 2003. Those interested in applying should use the DAU registration process at <http://www.dau.mil/registrar/apply.asp>.

To view the 235B class schedule, go to <http://acc.dau.mil/simplify/ev.php> and click on "235B" under "New PBL Course Offered."

NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

The Clinger-Cohen Act (CCA) Implementation Community of Practice (CoP) now resides under a broader fledgling CoP on Information Technology (IT). The IT CoP is focused on the IT Acquisition workforce. Other "sub-communities" like CCA and working groups like the IT Functional Integrated Product Team will be joining the IT CoP shortly. Access the IT CoP through the Acquisition Community Connection (ACC) Web site at <http://acc.dau.mil/simplify/ev.php>.

WIDE AREA WORKFLOW—RECEIPTS AND ACCEPTANCE (WAWF-RA) TRAINING NOW AVAILABLE FROM DAU CONTINUOUS LEARNING CENTER WEB SITE

DOD AT&L workforce members can now access WAWF-RA training from the DAU CLC Web site at <http://clc.dau.mil>. WAWF-RA is the system that allows DOD to reach its e-invoicing goals and reduce interest penalties due to lost or misplaced documents, and supports DoD's goal of moving to a paperless acquisition process. The training modules take approximately three hours to complete. The DAU CLC link to the WAWF-RA training is a result of close collaboration between DAU, AT&L/DPAP, and the WAWF-RA Program Office.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The *Acquisition Review Quarterly*, a journal published by the Defense Acquisition University Press, will be publishing a special edition on Performance Based Logistics. A call for papers has been issued, with a deadline of 31 December 2003. We encourage you to participate. Download the Call for Papers from the Acquisition Community Connection Web site at <http://acc.dau.mil/simplify/ev.phpclick>.

NDIA TO SPONSOR DEFENSE SYSTEMS ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT COURSE OFFERINGS FOR INDUSTRY MANAGERS

The National Defense Industrial Association will sponsor an offering of DAU's Defense Systems Acquisition Management (DSAM) course to interested industry managers Jan. 12-16, 2004, at the Wyndham North in Dallas, Texas; and March 8-12, 2004, at the Wyndham Hotel Salt Lake City in Salt Lake City, Utah. DSAM uses the same acquisition policy information provided to DoD students who attend the Defense Acquisition University courses for formal acquisition certification. It is designed to meet the needs of defense industry acquisition managers in today's dynamic environment, providing the latest information related to:

- Defense acquisition policy for weapons and information technology systems including discussion of the new DoD 5000 series (directive, instruction, and guidebook).
- Defense acquisition and logistics excellence initiatives.
- Defense acquisition procedures and processes.
- The Planning, Programming, and Budgeting System and the congressional budget process.
- The relationship between requirements generation, resource allocation, science and technology activities, and acquisition programs.

For further information, contact Christy O'Hara (703) 247-2586 or e-mail cohara@ndia.org. Prospective government students must first contact Air Force Maj. Jim Ashworth at (703) 805-5809 or e-mail james.ashworth@dau.mil.

POSITION CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS & EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION & TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004

Richard K. Sylvester, Deputy Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (Acquisition Workforce and Career Management) has released the fiscal 2004 approved position category descriptions and career field experience, education, and training requirements. The requirements are effective Oct. 1, 2003.

Unless designated as **DESIRED**, the requirements are **MANDATORY** for certification. The lists also include training requirements that will change during the fiscal year as new courses are deployed; each new course is listed with a projected deployment date. The career fields with projected changes include: Contracting; Industrial/Contract Property Management; Purchasing; and Life Cycle Logistics (Sustainment path).

The descriptions and requirements can be downloaded from the Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy Web site at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap>. Should you have any questions, please contact Karla Merritt at (703) 681-3444 or e-mail karla.merritt@osd.mil.

FE-201, INTERMEDIATE FACILITIES ENGINEERING COURSE NOW AVAILABLE

The Defense Acquisition University now offers the Intermediate Facilities Engineering Course (FE-201) as a nonresident, self-paced course available through the Internet. FE-201 is the Level II certification course in the Facilities Engineering career field. Students must pass a final examination within 60 days of the start

date. The required prerequisite for this course is ACQ-101.

CHANGE IN LENGTH OF CON-202 AND CON-210

In an effort to be more responsive to the contracting workforce, the Defense Acquisition University has worked to streamline the current CON-202, Intermediate Contracting, and CON-210, Government Contract Law, by reducing redundancies within and across the courses and making more efficient use of class time. These revisions will produce the same levels and quality of learning with less time spent in the classroom. To this end, DAU will soon offer CON-202 in 10 days vice 15 days and CON-210 in 5 days vice 10 days. An added benefit of this streamlining effort will be the potential for students to complete both CON-202 and CON-210 within one three-week block of time since, in many cases, a CON-210 class will be taught immediately after a CON-202 class. These changes will result in some date changes to the current schedule for most of the CON-210 classes. Students currently enrolled in a CON-202 or CON-210 class that will be affected by these changes will be notified in advance. Watch the DAU Web site, <http://www.dau.mil>, for the revised class schedules.

BCF-209 REVISED IN FISCAL 2004

BCF-209, DAU's Selected Acquisition Report (SAR) Course, has been revised for fiscal 2004. Instead of one 5-day classroom course, BCF-209 will be split out to include a Web portion and an in-classroom portion in fiscal 2004. In addition, the course title has been changed to "Acquisition Reporting Course."

- BCF-209A will be two hours of Web course material, delivered via Atlas (DAU Virtual Campus). Designed for students requiring knowledge of acquisition reports and those who prepare and review reports, BCF-209A is a prerequisite for BCF-209B and BCF-209C. DAU had planned to make BCF 209A available in early October 2003; however, deployment has been delayed while the course is upgraded and improved. Although BCF 209A is a prerequisite for BCF 209B and BCF 209C, students may register for BCF-209B or BCF-209C now. Currently, DAU expects to have BCF 209A available around mid to late November 2003.
- BCF-209B and 209C are run together at the same time, in the same classroom. Those students who apply for 209B will attend only the first 2 days to learn the Acquisition Program Baseline (APB) and Defense Acquisition Executive Summary (DAES) reports using the Consolidated Acquisition Reporting System (CARS)

for Major Acquisition Information Systems (MAIS) programs. The 209B students will leave after the second day.

- Students who are in the BCF-209 B and 209C class, who are registered as "209C" students, must remain for the entire 4 days. BCF-209C is designed for students who prepare the APB and DAES reports, and the Selected Acquisition Report using the CARS for Major Defense Acquisition Programs (MDAPs). (BCF-209C includes everything taught in BCF-209B and more.)

Certificates will be provided based upon the class in which students enrolled—BCF-209B or 209C. BCF 209A/B/C are all assignment-specific courses. The BCF-209A schedule is expected to be loaded by mid to late November 2003. The BCF-209B and BCF-209C schedules have been loaded and are available for registration.

For more information on registering for DAU courses, visit the DAU Web site at <http://www.dau.mil/registrar/apply.asp>.

2004 DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY CATALOG

The FY 2004 Defense Acquisition University Catalog is now available online at the following link: <http://www.dau.mil/catalog/default.asp>. The 2004 curriculum lays the foundation for meeting the career-long training and professional development needs of the Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (AT&L) workforce. Every course fits within the framework of the AT&L Performance Learning Model adopted by DAU in 2002, which emphasizes Performance Support, Rapid Deployment Training, Continuous Learning, and Knowledge Sharing.

DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY MIDWEST CAMPUS MOVED TO KETTERING, OHIO (OCT. 24, 2003)

The Defense Acquisition University Midwest (DAUMW) Campus moved from Wright-Patterson AFB (WPAFB), Ohio, to 3100 Research Blvd, Pod 3, Kettering, Ohio 45420, on Nov. 12, 2003. The new location is located about five miles south of WPAFB. Also effective Nov. 12, the DAU Midwest Campus Student Services representatives can be reached at their new numbers: Siciley Baker, (937) 781-1095, student lodging information and student messages; Leslie Guinto, (937) 781-1091, class Information; and Karen Heather-ton, (937) 781-1096, Education Program Analyst.

AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS (NOV. 13, 2003) APPLICATIONS NOW ACCEPTED FOR INTERN PROGRAM

Shelley R. Rich

Air Force Research Laboratory Propulsion Directorate

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFPN)—Air Force Research Laboratory Propulsion Directorate officials are kicking off the 3rd Annual Wright Scholar Research Assistant Program for summer 2004. High-school juniors and seniors can now apply for the opportunity to work hands-on research, while under the guidance of science and engineering mentors. This program also gives students an up-close look at Air Force careers and educational opportunities.

Application deadline is Jan. 16, 2004.

The paid internships run for a 10- to 12-week period for up to 40 hours per week.

Students will experience science and engineering tutorials given by Air Force Institute of Technology officials, and a weekly guest lecture series covering topics from rocket science to robots and mechatronics. Students will also participate in the University of Dayton Summer Science and Engineering Enrichment program.

Eligible student applicants must meet the following qualification requirements:

- Be 16 years old at the time of appointment.
- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Be a high-school junior or senior at time of application.
- Seniors must provide a college acceptance letter before working.
- Be in the top 20 percent of their class or have a 3.25 overall grade point average.
- Home-schooled students may be considered if they score in the top 20 percent overall on a national standardized test.

For instructions on how to apply for this program and more information, visit www.pr.af.mil/jobs/scholar.htm. The Point of Contact is Shelly Rich at (937) 255-1870, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST, or e-mail shelleyrich@wpafb.af.mil.

EQUIVALENCY EXAM FOR PMT-250

DAU continues to administer an equivalency exam for its Program Management Tools (PMT-250) course. The equivalency exam is intended

to provide an opportunity for students who already possess the knowledge contained in the course to demonstrate their proficiency. It is not intended to take the place of the course for students who are not already proficient in the material.

The exam is comprised of seven module areas; students have only one opportunity to take the exam and must obtain a score of 70 percent or higher in all seven module areas to pass. If the exam is successfully completed, the student receives credit for course completion. If the exam is not successfully completed, the student will have to apply for and complete a Web-based offering of PMT-250.

Before applying for the exam, students should ensure they meet one of the following criteria: 1) Certified Level III in career fields other than Program Management (PM) and preparing to enter the PM career field training track to take PMT 352; or 2) Certified Level II in the PM career field prior to Oct. 1, 2001, and will be applying to take PMT-352 at a later date.

DEFENSE ACQUISITION 2004— UNDERSTANDING THE ACQUISITION REVOLUTION (JAN. 27 - 28, 2004, ARLINGTON, VA.)

Paul Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary of Defense has tasked all military departments to "create an acquisition policy environment that fosters efficiency, flexibility, creativity, and innovation....[that will]...rapidly deliver affordable, sustainable capability to the warfighter that meets the warfighter's needs." *Defense Acquisition 2004, Understanding the Acquisition Revolution*, offers you a unique opportunity to thoroughly understand the extensive defense acquisition process—from concept to delivery—from the leading visionaries and policy makers in the defense acquisition community. Scheduled for Jan. 27-28, 2004, this year's event will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, Crystal City, Va. Participants will:

- Discuss new defense acquisition legislation with members of the Senate Armed Services Committee.
- Hear transformational ideas and policies from leading defense acquisition visionaries.
- Gain key insights from government & industry colleagues on your role in the defense acquisition process!.

To register, call (800) 882.8684 x5165 or go to the Institute for Defense and Government Advancement (IDGA) Web site at <http://www.idga.org>.

AIR ARMAMENT CENTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS NEWS RELEASE DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY COMES TO EGLIN; \$3 MILLION SAVINGS

Capt. Karen Roganov, USAF

EGLIN AFB, Fla. (Nov. 14, 2003)—Defense Acquisition University, a corporate university providing certified courses, tailored training, and performance support to some 135,000 acquisition, technology and logistics workforce members began offering classes this week through a new satellite campus here.

"It's anticipated that more people will get trained due to the convenience of the classes, and that amounts to enabling the workforce by sharpening the minds that forge the sword," said Maj. Gen. Robert W. Chedister, Air Armament Center commander during a recent signing of a Memorandum of Agreement and ribbon-cutting ceremony held to kick-off the endeavor. "We estimate an annual savings of \$3 million due to reduced travel and per diem costs," he said.

Most classes are a week in duration. The university courses create an environment where students learn before, during, and after the training intervention, according to Dr. Jack Dwyer, university site manager here and one of a few instructors.

"For example, we'll teach acquisition folks to be flexible in adapting to the program management situations they face daily and be innovative in continually developing and implementing initiatives to streamline and improve the defense acquisition process." In addition to Dwyer, other instructors will be brought in temporarily to teach classes.

"During the 2004 fiscal year, 19 courses are scheduled at Eglin to get 700 people trained," said Gary Byrum, regional director of operations for Defense Acquisition University South, located in Huntsville, Ala. Space permitting the Eglin satellite could open up to other interested services such as the Navy Ocean Systems Center in Panama City, he said.



Air Force Maj. Gen. Robert W. Chedister, Commander, Air Armament Center, cutting the ribbon at the opening of the DAU South Region satellite campus at Eglin AFB, Fla. Assisting him is DAU President Frank J. Anderson Jr.

The Defense Acquisition University works closely with the Office of the Secretary of Defense to quickly address new policy and tailor the training to meet the changes.

"That's our competitive advantage," said Byrum.

In line with learning, in October Eglin's center commander created the Air Armament Academy, in-house training with a "University Style."

Now, some Defense Acquisition University tailored training will fall under the academy umbrella, said Ken Pickler, academy project team member. According to Frank J. Anderson, President, DAU, "the two organizations will work closely together to make the Air Armament Center a learning organization, where learning is so ingrained in the fabric of the organization that you cannot 'not' learn."